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### ALONG-RUNNING ACCOUNT.

Entered on the running account for a war that is "over" between the United States and the Philippine Islands: Sept. 11, instalment paid: 52 men. A balancing of books in blood! When shall we close the ledger?

## THE EVENING WORLD'S DAILY FORUM.

Signed Editorials on Leading Topics of the Day by Recognized Authorities.

### STOP ALL COLLEGE HAZING.

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THE recent opening of various colleges has been the signal for the beginning of "initiations," which are nothing more or less than brutal exhibitions of hazing.

It has been a matter for congratulation that the large universities have largely done away with similar practices, but the small colleges have apparently much to do before the evil can be abolished.

One of the most unfortunate features of "hazing" is that its effects fall nearly always on freshmen. These effects might seem at a casual view to be slight, the result of innocent pranks. This, however, is not the case.

The man who enters college is usually young and impressionable. His environment is new to him and his nerves are more or less at tension. Often he has to face examinations. These tax all his mental abilities.

But he has to face other ordeals not prescribed in the college curriculum. Upper-class men prescribe all manner of ridiculous and often dangerous performances for him.

Not only have these hazing demoralizing results in lowering the standard of a college, but they often produce injuries to students which last through life.

College discipline should begin with the pernicious practice of hazing before extending to anything else.

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### POINTS ABOUT ETIQUETTE.

Kindly tell me how I can get acquainted with a young lady under these circumstances: She appears to be about seventeen years of age, blue eyes, black hair and very modest in demeanor. I stand on the corner of Broome street and Broadway every morning, and about 5 o'clock she crosses Broadway, going west, and turns to her place of business. She is so sweet and simple I have greatly admired her for some time, puzzling my brains to find some gentlemanly means in which to grow to know her.

YOU must get a third party to present you to this lady. It would be absolutely insulting for you to attempt to know her except in the proper form. Where there's a will there's a way, and a young man whose position entitles him to an acquaintance with a nice girl can, if he wishes to do so ardently, find some means to be auspiciously presented.

#### How to Set the Table.

A and B have had a dispute about setting the table. A says cups and saucers belong on the right side; B says they belong on the left side. Please answer.

A and B. The cup and saucer should be placed upon the right side.

#### Theatrical Etiquette.

When entering a theatre with a lady should the gentleman walk in front of the lady while being ushered to their seats? When introducing a gentleman to a lady which should be introduced first?

T. M. If the theatre usher shows the party to their seats he precedes her escort, the escort follows the usher and the lady comes last. The gentleman is always presented to the lady.

### QUERIES AND ANSWERS.

#### A Is Right—Trib is Singular.

Which is correct? A says, "A fine old tribe of Munster which was formerly located." B says, "A fine old tribe of Munster which were formerly located." A. B. J. J.

States, Forty-five Territories, New Mexico, Arizona, Indian, Alaska, Oklahoma.

How many States in the United States, how many Territories? Please name the Territories. G. H. Yes.

If a man comes from England and does not take out his papers can his son, born in the United States, vote when he comes of age? J. H. Jersey City. He cannot.

Can a young man vote at the coming election if he is twenty-one about the middle of December, 1900? H. H. Yes. Apply Now. The Course is Practically Free. Can I learn bookkeeping in Cooper Union, and if so when does the term start for beginners and must you pay for tuition? E. D.

By Playing On He Wins. There are three men playing auction pinochle. One has 200 points on slats and bids 50. In the next game he milled 150, and after making the first trick, which amounted to seven points, claimed out, but played ahead, but in playing ahead made more than he needed. Does he lose or win? C. G.

#### Fourteen Years.

If a young man was born Sept. 22, 1886, how old is he Sept. 21, 1900? Yes.

In pinochle can you milled 200 with 150 when spades or diamonds are trump? A. L.

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"I am considered rather good looking, while he is plain of face. He fairly idolized me during the four years of our courtship and the first few weeks of our married life, but he grew to have no regard whatever for my feelings when speaking of and showing his groundless suspicions. He imagines he has a rival, and will not trust me outside of the door alone. He has taken me out of the city so that I might see nobody but himself. This is death to me, as all my friends are in New York."

"I really hate him at this moment and would have run away from him before now had I not hoped that he would improve and wanted to live with him. If so, as he is my husband—alas! Now I have concluded that it would be impossible to endure life with him."

"Now I want you to please tell me what I should do. I would be happy if I could get away from him forever; yes, if I could only get away from this unreasonable monster who went on his knees to win me, but having won me, has struggled ever since to break my heart. We are both Catholics. Is there any chance of my getting an honorable divorce? I await your advice anxiously."

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Your husband's horrible fault, in your eyes, is that he loves you so desperately. Instead of crying out to Heaven in rage against it, you should thank Almighty God that you have his love. If you could sit here with me while I open one day's mail and read the many letters that come to me from unhappy wives you would have a different opinion of your husband's devotion."

Some write me: "If God would but give me my husband's love I would be so happy." Others write: "The one great boon from Heaven which I crave is ever so small a portion of my husband's love; give me that and life would be complete." And many such sentences, such as would make your heart almost bleed for them."

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## GEORGIE'S PAW Talks of Arctic Exploration.

"I CAN'T see," maw told paw after we got gathered around the family circle the other night, because it was too cold to try to stay out and mingle with the musketeers.

"Why they try to go on finding the North pole. I see somebody else just got back from there without quite reaching it."

"Well," paw says, "it's a hehmun natcher. That's the hole trouble. If it wouldn't be for poor old hehmun natcher nobody would ever feel of a Buzz saw to see if it was sharp. It's the same thing that makes lots of people get married. You can tell the fellow that sticks out his finger and touches the buzz saw that it's sharp, but he wants to see for himself, and if forty million people with experience went to a person that made up his mind to get married with only seven dollars in his pocket and a due bill in for next week's wages and told him he would be sorry as soon as the hammer got rubbed off. Do you think he would s'pose their words come from the heart?"

"Not there's where poor old hehmun natcher makes reason totter on Her throne, and the first thing you no, smash she goes like a fat lady falling down the cellar stairs. He couldn't take other people's word for it. But had to go ahead and see for himself. All you ever had to do to get people to try things is to give them solid warnings that it's foolish. It's a pity anybody ever started the rumor that drinking stuff makes anybody forget he has a reputation he got to live up to ain't sensible. If everybody would get to thinking it was a sign of good sense for a man to go out and get